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Mr. M. Donovan continued the reading of his paper on the Universal Vitality of Matter, &c.

MAY 28TH, 1849.

REV. HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

DR. A. SMITH laid before the Academy a manuscript catalogue of the Tradesmen's Tokens current in Ireland in the seventeenth century, and made a few observations on their use, as illustrating family history and other matters of local interest.

He stated that his object at present was, that the list should be printed in the Proceedings, with the view of circulating it extensively, and thereby inviting the collectors of coins throughout the country to communicate to him notices of such tokens as have not come under his observation, so as to enable him, at some future time, to publish a historical and descriptive catalogue, accompanied with engravings of such of the coins as are peculiar for their devices, or calculated to assist the local historian in his inquiries. (See Appendix, No. IV.)

Professor Davy brought under the consideration of the Academy, a new and simple method he had discovered of detecting manganese in inorganic and organic bodies, as in rocks, minerals, ores, soils, and in vegetable and animal substances, and also of obtaining the salts of manganese in a pure state.

The method consists in mixing the substance to be examined with a little flowers of sulphur, and heating the mixture to a temperature at, or even lower than that of redness, when, if manganese be present, a protosulphate will be formed, the sulphur being acidified, partly at the expense of the oxide, and